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SUBJECT: CHARUNPHAN PRESS CONFERENCE OF FEBRUARY 18

REF: BANGKOK 2784

1. WE NOTE BANGKOK DOMESTIC SERVICE REPORT DTG 0000 GMT 19 FEBRUARY CARRIED BY FBIS THAT CHARUNPHAN TOLD FEB 18 PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THAILAND WILL ASK U.S. TO SWITCH FROM EMPHASIS ON MILITARY AID TO PROVIDING MORE ECONOMIC AID. NY TIMES FEB 18 CARRIED AP REPORT THAT CHARUNPHAN SAID RTG WOULD LIKE US TO INCREASE ITS ECONOMIC AID TO THAILAND.

2. APPRECIATE RECEIVING CONFIRMATION OF THESE REPORTS AS WELL AS ANY EMBASSY COMMENTS. WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH CHARUNPHAN'S RECENT STRESS ON THAI DESIRE FOR GREATER EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC AND OTHER NON-MILITARY ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, BUT WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY INDICATION THAT RTG PLANS REQUEST INCREASE IN U.S. ECONOMIC AID PROGRAM. RUSH

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